



# 2018 ARCC Seed Grant Competition

Special Competition Theme: Patient-Oriented Research

## 1 PURPOSE

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The purpose of the ARCC Seed Grant program is to provide initial 'start-up' funding for new or existing researchers to conduct research. The proposed research is to be in an area that is relevant to ARCC, specifically demonstrating alignment with one of the core ARCC Program Areas (**Health Technology Assessment; Health Systems, Services, and Policy; Societal Values and Public Engagement; and Survivorship**).

In addition, **the special theme of this ARCC Seed Grant Competition will focus on Patient-Oriented Research.**

Canada's Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) is about ensuring that the right patient receives the right intervention at the right time (<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/41204.html>). Patient-oriented research refers to a continuum of research that engages patients as partners, focuses on patient-identified priorities and improves patient outcomes. This research, conducted by multidisciplinary teams in partnership with relevant stakeholders, aims to apply the knowledge generated to improve healthcare systems and practices.

Applications for this competition must demonstrate that: (i) the proposed research aligns with one of the core ARCC Program Areas; and (ii) the research adopts a patient-oriented focus by following one or more of the of the key principles outlined below.

Key principles of patient-oriented research:

- Patients need to be involved in all aspects of the research to ensure questions and results are relevant;
- Decision-makers and clinicians need to be involved throughout the entire research process to ensure integration into policy and practice;
- Effective patient-oriented research requires a multi-disciplinary approach; and
- Patient-oriented research is outcome driven and incorporates performance measurement and evaluation as integral components of the initiative.

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If the seed grant is to develop a larger application for a research grant, applicants should indicate how the full application will align with patient-oriented research.

Examples of studies that can be funded through this funding opportunity include studies that collect pilot data, studies involving analysis of administrative data, and studies that generate hypotheses for larger applications. Upon completion of the Seed Grant project, the research team should be able to demonstrate support for a larger funding application to external granting agencies by, for example: providing preliminary data to justify the need for further research, showing a foundation on which a larger project can be built, and producing deliverables related to a project plan.

#### Competition Timeline & Key Dates

Item	Deadline
Competition Opens	4 January 2018
Application Deadline	28 February 2018
Award Announcement	March/April 2018

### 1.1 AVAILABLE FUNDS

This program is meant to support projects lasting up to one year. The maximum amount for a single award is \$30,000. Approximately 3-5 projects will be funded.

## 2 ELIGIBILITY

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The Principal Investigator must be an ARCC member in good standing who is not currently receiving other ARCC funds related to the current project. The proposed project must not be funded by other sources, i.e. this is not a program to be used to top-up other grants. It is expected that the proposed budget for the project will be enough to complete the project without the requirement of other funds to make the project feasible.

Those who do not meet the above criteria may apply as co-investigators or collaborators along with a PI who meets the criteria.

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## 2.1 INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

The following types of studies are **not** eligible for funding:

- Research conducted as part of an academic requirement (e.g. student course work)
- Projects that are not patient-oriented
- Clinical Trials
- Basic or biomedical research
- Project planning activities
- Projects with an expected timeline of **more** than 1 year

## 3 APPLICATION PROCESS

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To be eligible for consideration, all applications must include the following documents in the order below. Applications will not be considered if required components are missing. The original, signed application must be submitted on the ARCC application form. The application must be received by 4:00pm PST on the deadline date (February 28, 2018). Late applications will not be accepted. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the application is accurate and complete.

Item	Maximum Length
<b>Proposal Form</b>	See form
<b>References/Bibliography</b>	As Needed
<b>Appendices</b>	As Needed
<b>Abbreviated CV for PI and all Co-I's including all publications in the last 3 years</b>	Maximum 5 pages/CV
<b>Signed letter(s) of support from Co-Investigators detailing their role in the project</b>	As Needed (required for each noted co-investigator)

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### 3.1 SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please email your application to: Kim van der Hoek, ARCC Centre Manager, [kvdhoek@bccrc.ca](mailto:kvdhoek@bccrc.ca)

PDF format is preferred. Please send all items as one file.

**Deadline for Submission:** A complete application must be received by 4:00pm PST on Wednesday February 28, 2018. Applications received after 4:00pm PST will not be considered in the review.

## 4 ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

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Applicants may apply for up to \$30,000 per research proposal.

Eligible expenses include (but are not limited to):

- Research supplies & materials
- Salaries (including benefits) for research staff (note: applicants are not considered research staff)
- Costs related to data collection
- Travel required for data collection
- Dissemination and/or knowledge translation costs (note: conference registration/travel are only acceptable if a member of the research team has been chosen to present a poster or oral presentation)

Ineligible expenses include:

- Secretarial/clerical support
- Equipment maintenance
- Equipment purchases unless there is a very strong justification for need
- Membership fees
- Computer hardware

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## 5 REVIEW PROCESS

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Applications for the ARCC Seed Grant are evaluated by a review committee consisting of the ARCC Program Leads, Co-Directors, and external experts as required. Applications are reviewed based on scientific merit and the relevance to ARCC's program areas. Strategic review will be based on the criteria below:

- Research Approach, including demonstration of being patient-oriented
- Applicants and Research Environment
- Potential for Research Impact
- Feasibility of Study including proposed study timeline

### 5.1 COMPETITION RESULTS

Official result letters and competition feedback will be emailed to the principal investigator directly. Successful applicants and brief project descriptions will be posted on the ARCC website and/or ARCC-partner websites (e.g. CCSRI).

### 5.2 FUNDING

All offers of award from the ARCC Seed Grant competition must be implemented within the period of offer as specified on the award letter. If ethics approval is required for the project, ARCC will allow up to 20% of the approved budget to be released before the ethics certificate has been received, under the provision that this portion must only be used for project aspects which do not require ethics approval. The remainder of the funding amount will only be released upon confirmation of ethics approval.

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## Reporting

Research projects **must** be completed within the 12 month award period. A progress report must be submitted to Kim van der Hoek, ARCC Centre Manager, within 4 weeks of study completion, and a final report demonstrating the outcome of the seed grant project (e.g. submitted grant, preliminary analysis, submitted literature review etc). Note that ARCC has an annual report due to CCSRI on February 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. If your study is ongoing at that time you are also expected to submit an interim report by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. In addition, a member of the team will be expected to present their research to the ARCC community through participation in the ARCC Conference and by presenting an ARCC webinar.

All publications and knowledge dissemination resulting from research supported by ARCC must acknowledge the support of ARCC.

*Please contact [ARCC@cancercare.on.ca](mailto:ARCC@cancercare.on.ca) or [kvdhoek@bccrc.ca](mailto:kvdhoek@bccrc.ca) if you have any specific questions related to the 2018 Seed Grant Competition*

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